the president of the public meeting held in the St. Joseph's School, Alur;

(*b*) whether this letter be printed and placed on the table;

(*c*) whether the requests contained in the resolutions quoted in the letter have been sanctioned; and if not,

(*d*) what action has been taken with reference to each one of them?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Copy of extract from the letter is appended *(Appendix I)*.

(*c*) & (*d*) The recommendations of the Director of Public Health and Panchayats contained in his letter D. No. 1085/17, dated 16th November 1941 have been sanctioned. A copy of his letter is also appended. *(Appendix II)*.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT—APPOINTMENTS—INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING

84. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the dates on which instructions have been given to the Director of Agriculture regarding the manner in which appointments are to be made in since 1108;

(*b*) will Government be pleased to place on the Table some copies of such instructions?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The dates are not readily available.

(*b*) Copies of two orders are appended. *(Appendix III)*.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there have been any orders since 1108 and before 1116 to which reference was made in the appendix?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Orders were issued last year.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* My question is whether from 1108 and before 1116 any order has been issued to the Head of the Department regarding this matter.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I can only say that I have taken necessary measures and strongly worded orders have been issued.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* It is made evident from the answer that when appointments are to be made for the Palace Gardens only Caste Hindus can be appointed. I can perfectly understand that. What I suggest is if there are Caste Hindus in other places they may be transferred to the Palace Gardens and fresh appointments from among other communities made in other places. That also may be borne in mind when fresh appointments are made.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* They are already employed. When recruitments are made this question will be considered.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* When fresh appointments are to be made Caste Hindus in service may be transferred to the Palace Gardens and members from other communities may be appointed in their places.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural):* What was the explanation submitted by the Director of Agriculture for the second order?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* He said he would carry out the instructions. He gave explanation why he was not able to carry out the orders. We have asked him to see that these orders are carried out.

WAR SUPPLIES—TOURS OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, WAR SUPPLY BOARD, AND CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES

85. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state how long the supply officer remained in the State; whether any Head of the Department met him and had a discussion with him regarding the supply?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Mr. Dow, Vice-President, War Supply Board, visited the State on 1st August 1940 and stayed for a day. There was a discussion on questions of War supplies in which the Secretary to Government, Chief Engineer, Chief Medical Officer, Director of Industries and Commerce and Conservator of Forests took part.

(*b*) Mr. M. A. Sreenivasan, Controller of Supplies, Madras visited the State on 24th August 1940 and left on 26th August 1940. The above Heads of Departments had discussions with him on the question of War supplies.

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(c) The next proposal is to construct a bridge over the *poramboke thodu* at the terminus of the Vettukad road. There is no approach on the eastern side of the *thodu* as far as the main P. W. D. Kunnamkulam —Trichur road, the portion being extensive wet lands. The canal is 30 ft. wide and 6 ft. deep from the adjoining wet lands. A temporary bridge may be put up at a cost of Rs. 50 and it may be included in the next budget.

(d) This is for improving a lane branching from 0/1 of Koladi road. It is *poramboke* with an average width of 20 links and about a furlong in length. A sum of Rs. 30 will be required for its improvement and the work can be attended to in 1118 out of the usual lump sum of Rs. 150.

(e) The local Panchayat is not for sinking the tank as the site is only 1½ furlongs from the Kecheri river.

(f) Since there is a Rural Reconstruction Centre at Choondal, there is no urgent necessity of having another one in the same Panchayat area.

Resolution No. II.—A reading room may be opened according to the recommendation of the Rural Library Committee.

The endorsement order is resubmitted.

APPENDIX III

(Please see answer to question No. 84)

Extract of Government Proceedings P-3-8050/16, dated 5th April 1941

In the Agricultural Department also a disproportionately large number of appointments were given to Nayars when there is already a very large number of them in service. The Director of Agriculture explains that of those appointed 4 were in Palace gardens where candidates from the depressed classes cannot be appointed and that the rest were thrown out hands. The Director's attention is drawn to the Circular adverted to above and he is informed that thrown out hands are to be treated no better than fresh hands in giving effect to that Circular.

Extract of Official Memorandum D-5-Pl, 46/1/16, dated 2nd September 1940, Development Department

The Director of Agriculture will report the circumstances under which seven Nayars happened to be appointed to officiate during the quarter and whether all these appointments were in the Palace gardens where Caste Hindus alone could be appointed. He will also report whether he could not take in members of other communities in gardens other than Palace gardens. The Director will submit a detailed report on the above points within 2 days.

APPENDIX IV

(Please see answer to question No. 95)

Irinjalakkuda

1.	Area	5 sq. miles
2.	Population	17,335 (according to the latest census)
3.	The number of houses	3,429 do.

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